First preference in order booking and despatches under Liberalised Sale Scheme would be given to actual users who can draw coal for their own use in addition to the normal supplies being received by them against sponsorships/linkages.

Raids by BIS

1736. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 14th June, 1993 captioned "BIS gears up surveliance act";

(b) whether the BIS has conducted a drive to check the sale of substandard goods in the country;

(c) if so, the number of raids conducted by BIS during the last six months to unearth the sale of substandard goods; and

(d) what further action has been taken by Government against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31st March, 1993, 11,726 licences under Certification Mark Scheme were in operation. During the year ending 31st March, 1993, about 45,000 samples were tested in BIS and outside laboratories & as a result 16 licences were cancelled. During the aforesaid period, out of 204 complaints received concerning various BIS certified products, 155 complaints were disposed of.

Action on a number of cases of unauthorised use of ISI mark has been taken by BIS and legal proceedings have been launched in some of them. Out of 12 such cases detected during 1991-92, legal proceedings have been initiated in 11 cases and investigations are in progress in respect of 9 such cases detected during 1992-93.

(c) and (d) During the last six months one raid has been conducted by Delhi Police against the spurious bulb manufacturer, on the basis of information supplied by BIS and with the active involvement of BIS Officers.

Delhi Police is in the process of instituting legal proceedings against the manufacturer.

Amendment to Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986

1737. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating amendments to the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 in view of the policy of liberalisation and multinational consumer companies coming in India;

(b) whether the process of evaluation and re-setting and re-formulation of standards has begun;

(c) if so, what are the details of such process; and

(d) what are the new standards formulated during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The process of evaluation (review), amendment and revision of Indian Standards is continuous and on-going, taking into account the national industrial policy and priorities.

(c) Review of Indian Standards is done once in five years. Amendment to revision of Indian Standards is done as and when necessary to make them contemporary. Harmonization of Indian Standards with International standards is done as and when required.

(d) No. of new standards formulated during the last three years is.

1990-91	439
1991-92	383
1992-93	492

Timings of Super Bazar

1738. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the Super Bazar Connaught Place, Delhi the employees start putting off lights and prepare to close up from 6.30 P.M. while the actual closing time is 7.00 P.M.

(b) whether Government would ensure that customers will be allowed entry right upto 7.00 P.M. and all those who are inside the Super Bazar till 7.00 P.M. will be allowed to complete their shopping till 7.00 P.M.; and

(c) whether Government are considering to keep the Super Bazar open from 8 A.M. to 11 P.M. on the lines of Super Markets in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Entry to the customers is allowed upto 7 PM and all those who have entered are attended to.

(c) Super Bazar has informed that they have no such proposal under consideration. Super Bazar is an autonomous Corporate Body and all policy decisions are taken by its Managing Committee.

Loss in Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation

1739. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation is running in losses, if so, what are the total accumulated losses so far;

(b) what is the value added per employee in the Corporation;

(c) what is the per employee production average in the Corporation and;

(d) whether Government propose to make it more competitive or otherwise close it in view of the new economic climate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation started incurring losses from the financial year 1991-92 onwards. Details of profit/loss after tax for the last three years are as under:—

Year	Profit/loss (Rs. in crores)
1990-91	1.41 (Profit) (audited)
1991-92	4·57 (loss) (audited)
1992-93	6.50 loss) (Provisional)

The accumulated losses an on 31-3-93 works out to Rs. 11.07 crores.

(b) The value added for the year 1992-93 per employee of the Corporation per annum works out to Rs. 1.43 lakhs.

(c) The average production per employee per annum for the year 1992-93 works out to 20 metric tonnes.

(d) The Corporation has submitted a restructuring/revamping scheme to the Government, which is under consideration.